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married, is suing her for a year's sup-
port. The poor fellow thus thrown on
the world, has no wife to provide for
him.

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TALMAGE'S SERMON.

"NARROW ESCAPES" LAST SUNDAY'S SUBJECT.

From the Following Text, Job xix, 20:
—"I Am Escaped With the Skin of
My Teeth"—The Text as It May Be
Applied to Our Lives in This Age
of Progress.

JOH had it hard.
What with boils,
and bereavements,
and bankruptcy,
and a fool of a
wife, he wished he
was dead; and I do
not blame him.
His flesh was gone
and his bones were
dry. His teeth
wasted away until
nothing but the enamel seemed left.
He cried out, "I am escaped with the
skin of my teeth."

There has been some difference of
opinion about this passage. St. Je-
rome and Schultens, and Doctors
Good and Poole and Barnes have all
tried their forceps on Job's teeth. You
deny my interpretation, and say,
"What did Job know about the enamel
of the teeth?" He knew everything
about it. Dental surgery is almost as
old as the earth. The mummies of
Egypt, thousands of years old, are
found to-day with gold fillings in their
teeth. Ovid, and Horace, and Solom-
on, and Moses wrote about these im-
portant factors of the body. To other
provoking complaints, Job, I think, has
added an exasperating toothache, and
putting his hand against the inflamed
face, he says, "I am escaped with the
skin of my teeth."

A very narrow escape, you say, for
Job's body and soul; but there are
thousands of men who make just as
narrow escape for their soul. There
was a time when the partition between
them and ruin was no thicker than a
tooth's enamel; but, as Job finally es-
caped, so have they. Thank God!
Thank God!

Paul expresses the same idea by a
different figure when he says that
some people are "saved as by fire." A
vessel at sea is in flames. You go to
the stern of the vessel. The boats
have shoved off. The flames advance;
you can endure the heat no longer on
your face. You slide down on the side
of the vessel, and hold on with your
fingers, until the forked tongue of the
fire begins to lick the back of your
hand, and you feel that you must fall,
when one of the life-boats comes back,
and the passengers say they think
they have room for one more. The
boat swings under you—you drop into
it—you are saved. So some men are
pursued by temptation until they are
partially consumed, but after all get
off—"saved as by fire."

But I like the figure of Job a little
better than that of Paul, because the
pulpit has not worn it out; and I want
to show you if God will help, that
some men make narrow escape for
their souls, and are saved as "with the
skin of their teeth."

It is as easy for some people to look
to the Cross as for you to look to this
pulpit. Mild, gentle, tractable, loving,
you expect them to become Christians.
You go over to the store and say,
"Grandson joined the church yester-
day." Your business comrades say,
"That is just what might have been
expected; he always was of that turn
of mind." In youth, this person whom
I describe was always good. He never
broke things. He never laughed when
it was improper to laugh. At seven,
he could sit an hour in church, per-
fectly quiet, looking neither to the
right hand nor the left, but straight
into the eyes of the minister, as
though he understood the whole dis-
cussion about the eternal decrees. He
never upset things nor lost them. He
floated into the kingdom of God so
gradually that it is uncertain just
when the matter was decided.

Here is another one, who started in
life with an uncontrollable spirit. He
kept the nursery in an uproar. His
mother found him walking on the edge
of the house-roof to see if he could
balance himself. There was no horse
that he dared not ride—no tree he
could not climb. His boyhood was a
long series of predicaments; his man-
hood was reckless; his mid-life very
wayward. But now he is converted,
and you go over to the store and say,
"Arkwright joined the church yester-
day." Your friends say, "It is not
possible! You must be joking." You
say, "No, I tell you the truth. He
joined the church." Then they reply,
"There is hope for any of us if old
Arkwright has become a Christian!"
In other words, we will admit that it
is more difficult for some men to ac-
cept the Gospel than for others.

I may be preaching to some who
have cut loose from churches, and Bi-
bles, and Sundays, and who have no
intention of becoming Christians
themselves, and yet you may find
yourself escaping, before you leave
this house, as "with the skin of your
teeth." I do not expect to waste this
hour. I have seen boats go off from
Cape May or Long Branch, and drop
their nets, and after awhile come
ashore, pulling in the nets without
having caught a single fish. It was
not a good day, or they had not the
right kind of a net. But we expect no
such excursion to-day. The water is
full of fish, the wind is in the right
direction, the Gospel net is strong. O
thou who didst help Simon and An-
drew to fish, show us how to cast the
net on the right side of the ship.

Some of you, in coming to God, will
have to run against skeptical notions.
It is useless for people to say sharp
and cutting things to those who reject
the Christian religion. I cannot say
such things. By what process of tem-
ptation, or trial, or betrayal, you have

come to your present state, I know not.
There are two gates to your nature;
the gate of the head, and the gate of
the heart. The gate of your head is
locked with bolts and bars that an
angel could not break, but the gate
of your heart swings easily on its
hinges. If I assaulted your body with
weapons you would meet me with
weapons, and it would be sword-stroke
for sword-stroke, and wound for
wound, and blood for blood; but if I
come and knock at the door of your
house, you open it, and give me the
best seat in your parlor. If I should
come at you now with an argument,
you would answer me with an argu-
ment; if with sarcasm, you would an-
swer me with sarcasm; blow for blow,
stroke for stroke; but when I come
and knock at the door of your heart,
you open it and say, "Come in, my
brother, and tell me all you know
about Christ and heaven."

Listen to two or three questions:
Are you as happy as you used to be
when you believed in the truth of the
Christian religion? Would you like to
have your children travel on in the
road in which you are now traveling?
You had a relative who professed to
be a Christian, and was thoroughly
consistent, living and dying in the
faith of the Gospel. Would you not
like to live the same quiet life and
die the same peaceful death? I hold
in my hand a letter, sent me by one
who has rejected the Christian religion.
It says: "I am old enough to know
that the joys and pleasures of life
are evanescent, and to realize the
fact that it must be comfortable in old
age to believe in something relative
to the future, and to have faith in
some system that proposes to save. I
am free to confess that I would be
happier if I could exercise the sim-
ple and beautiful faith that is posses-
sed by many whom I know. I am not
willingly out of the church or out of
the faith. My state of uncertainty is
one of unrest. Sometimes I doubt my
immortality, and look upon the death-
bed as the closing scene, after which
there is nothing. What shall I do
that I have not done?" Ah! scepticism
is a dark and doleful land. Let me
say that this Bible is either true
or false. If it be false, we are as well
off as you; if it be true, then which of
us is safer?

Let me also ask whether your trouble
has not been that you confounded
Christianity with the inconsistent
character of some who profess it? You
are a lawyer. In your profession there
are mean and dishonest men. Is that
anything against the law? You are a
doctor. There are unskilled and con-
temptible men in your profession. Is
that anything against medicine? You
are a merchant. There are thieves and
defrauders in your business. Is that
anything against merchandise? Be-
hold, then, the unfairness of charging
upon Christianity the wickedness of its
disciples. We admit some of the
charges against those who profess re-
ligion. Some of the most gigantic
swindles of the present day have been
carried on by members of the church.
There are men standing in the front
rank in the churches who would not
be trusted for five dollars without
good collateral security. They leave
their business dishonesties in the vesti-
bule of the church as they go in and
sit at the communion. Having con-
cluded the sacrament, they get up,
wipe the wine from their lips, go out,
and take up their sins where they left
off. To serve the devil is their regu-
lar work; to serve God a sort of play-
spell. With a Sunday sponge they ex-
pect to wipe off from their business
sins all the past week's inconsistencies.
You have no more right to take
such a man's life as a specimen of re-
ligion than you have to take the
twisted iron and split timbers that
lie on the beach at Coney Island as a
specimen of an American ship. It is
time that we draw a line between re-
ligion and the frailties of those who
profess it.

Do you not feel that the Bible, take
it all in all, is about the best book
that the world has ever seen? Do you
know any book that has as much in
it? Do you not think, upon the whole,
that its influence has been beneficent?
I come to you with both hands extend-
ed towards you. In one hand I have
the Bible, and in the other hand I
have nothing. This Bible in one hand
I will surrender forever just as soon
as in my other hand you can put a
book that is better.

I invite you back into the good old-
fashioned religion of your fathers—to
the God whom they worshipped, to the
Bible they read, to the promises on
which they leaned, to the cross on
which they hung their eternal expecta-
tions. You have not been happy a day
since you swung off; you will not be
happy a minute until you swing back.

If, with all the influences favorable
for a right life, men make so many
mistakes, how much harder is it when,
for instance, some appetite thrusts its
iron grapple into the roots of the
tongue, and pulls a man down with
hands of destruction? If, under such
circumstances, he break away, there
will be no sport in the undertaking, no
holiday enjoyment, but a struggle in
which the wrestlers move from side
to side, and bend, and twist, and watch
for an opportunity to get in a heavier
stroke until with one final effort, in
which the muscles are distended, and the
veins stand out, and the blood starts,
the swarthy habit falls under the
knee of the victor—escaped at last
as "with the skin of his teeth."

The ship Emma, bound from Gotten-
burg to Harwich, was sailing on, when
the man on the look-out saw something
that he pronounced a vessel bottom up.
There was something on it that looked
like a sea-gull, but was afterward found
to be a waving handkerchief. In the
small boat the crew pushed out to the

wreck, and found that it was a cap-
sized vessel, and that three men had
been digging their way out through the
bottom of the ship. When the vessel
capsized they had no means of escape.
The captain took his penknife and dug
away through the planks, until his
knife broke. Then an old nail was
found, with which they attempted to
scrape their way up out of the dark-
ness, each one working until his hand
was well-nigh paralyzed, and he sank
back faint and sick. After long and
tedious work, the light broke through
the bottom of the ship. A handker-
chief was hoisted. Help came. They
were taken on board the vessel and
saved. Did ever men come so near a
watery grave without dropping into it?
How narrowly they escaped—escaped only
"with the skin of their teeth." There
are men who have been capsized of
evil passions, and capsized mid-
ocean, and they are a thousand miles
away from any shore of help. They
have for years been trying to dig their
way out. They have been digging
away, and digging away, but they can
never be delivered unless now they will
hoist some signal of distress. However
weak and feeble it may be, Christ will
see it, and bear down upon the helpless
craft, and take them on board; and
it will be known on earth and in heav-
en how narrowly they escaped, "es-
caped as with the skin of their teeth."

There are others who in attempting
to come to God, must run between a
great many business perplexities. If a
man go over to business at ten o'clock
in the morning, and come away at
three o'clock in the afternoon, he has
some time for religion; but how shall
you find time for religious contempla-
tion when you are driven from sunrise
to sunset, and have been for five years
going behind in business, and are fre-
quently dunned by creditors whom you
cannot pay, and when from Monday
morning until Saturday night, you are
dodging bills that you cannot meet?
You walk day by day in uncertainties
that have kept your brain on fire for
the past three years. Some with less
business troubles than you have gone
crazy. The clerk has heard a noise in
the back counting-room, and gone in,
and found the chief man of the firm a
raving maniac; or the wife has heard
the bang of a pistol in the back parlor,
and gone in, stumbling over the dead
body of her husband—a suicide. There
are men pursued, harassed, trodden
down, and scalped of business perplexi-
ties, and which way to turn they
do not know. Now God will not be
hard on you. He knows what obstacles
are in the way of your being a Chris-
tian, and your first effort in the right
direction he will crown with success.
Do not let Satan, with cotton bales,
and kegs, and hogheads, and counters,
and stocks of unsalable goods, block
up your way to heaven. Gather up all
your energies. Tighten the girdle
about your loins. Take an agonizing
look into the face of God, and then
say, "Here goes one grand effort for
life eternal," and then bound away for
heaven, escaping "as with the skin of
your teeth."

This world is a poor portion for your
soul, oh, business man! An Eastern
king had graven on his tomb two fig-
ures, represented as sounding on each
other with a snap, and under them the
motto, "All is not worth that." Ap-
pianus Coelius hanged himself because
his steward informed him that he had
only eighty thousand pounds sterling
left. All of this world's riches make
but a small inheritance for a soul.
Robespierre attempted to win the ap-
plause of the world; but when he was
dying, a woman came rushing through
the crowd, crying to him, "Murderer of
my kindred, descend to hell, covered
with the curses of every mother in
France!" Many who have expected
the plaudits of the world have died un-
der its Anathema Maranatha.

Oh, find your peace in God. Make
one strong pull for heaven. No half-
way work will do it. There sometimes
comes a time on shipboard when every-
thing must be sacrificed to save the
passengers. The cargo is nothing, the
rigging nothing. The captain puts the
trumpet to his lip and shouts, "Cut
away the mast." Some of you have
been tossed and driven, and you have,
in your efforts to keep the world well
night lost your soul. Until you have
decided this matter, let everything else
go. Overboard with all those other
anxieties and burdens. You will have
to drop the sails of your pride, and
cut away the mast. With one earnest
cry for help, put your cause into the
hand of him who helped Paul out of
the breakers of Melita, and who, above
the shrill blast of the wraithiest tem-
pest that ever blackened the sky or
shook the ocean, can hear the faintest
implication for mercy.

I shall close this sermon feeling that
some of you, who have considered
your case as hopeless, will take heart
again, and that with a blood-red ear-
nestness, such as you have never ex-
perienced before, you will start for the
good land of the Gospel—at last to
look back, saying, "What a great risk
I ran! Almost lost, but saved! Just
got through, and no more! Escaped
by the skin of my teeth."

Practical Christianity.
Rev. J. H. Duncan of Wathens, Kan.,
dismissed his congregation Sunday and
leading them to a wheat field, directed
and worked with them in stacking
Farmer Rappley's wheat. When the
minister, who had already commenced
the services, noticed a storm approach-
ing, he slowly closed his open Bible
and said, "Brethren, I believe in wor-
shipping God, but a heavy rain is com-
ing; up and Neighbor Rappley's wheat
is in danger, we will close the sermon
and help him stack it."

True Heroism.
A Wellsville, N. Y., woman, carrying
a baby in her arms, stepped upon the
railroad track in front of an approach-
ing train to rescue her pet dog. She
and the child will die, but the pam-
pered pride of the household escaped
without the loss of a single curl in his
lovely caudal appendage. The days of
heroic deeds are not yet passed.

Down at the bottom of his rotten old
heart, a man thinks more of friend-
ship than he does of love.

To clear the house of roaches equal
quantities of sugar and pulverized
borax is recommended. Spread where
the insects congregate the most.

One of the most prominent churches
in Kansas City is decorated near the
door with two gilt lettered signs, one
containing the pastor's name and the
other the janitor's. The latter's name
is in letters twice as large as the for-
mer's.

Instead of being held together on
the floor with two-pronged tacks, the
breadths of matting are now sewed to-
gether like those of wool carpet.

One of the most effective rugs the
writer ever saw in a bath-room was an
old-fashioned "rag rug," woven of
wool rags in soft, subdued colors.

What a fool trick it is for a country
dow to follow his master's wagon to
town on a hot day when he might have
remained at home in the shade!

Hens need water regularly, and it
should be given them three or four
times a day. The best water trough
is a low iron kettle. The rust from
iron is good for poultry and a kettle
will furnish this.

Confinement and Hard Work
Indoors, particularly in the sitting posture, are
far more prejudicial to health than excessive
muscular exertion in the open air. Hard seden-
tary workers are far too weary after office hours
to take much needful exercise in the open air.
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Many a man owns a horse which he
wishes would lie down and die, but
which is worth \$50 or \$25 if his neigh-
bor wants it.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.
Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak
men strong, blood pure. 50c. \$1. All druggists.

If it costs \$800 for a Klondike outfit
there is good reason for believing that
Uncle Russell Sage will not go.

GET STRENGTH AND APPETITE.
Use Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic. Your druggist
will refund money if not satisfactory.

It seems odd the city should be asked
to raise the bicycle tracks.

FITS Permanently Cured. No fits or nervousness after
first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer.
Send for FREE \$4.00 trial bottle and treatise.
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cycle for a baby carriage.

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For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflamma-
tion, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle.

When a person commits a blunder it
is wisdom to be silent about it.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascara.
Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever.
50c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

A flirt is like a dipper at a dyk. At
everyone is at liberty to drink from it,
but no one cares to carry it away.

According to the Mark Lane Express
the English wheat crop will show an
average of twenty-eight bushels to the
acre, which is about two bushels below
the normal.

An eighteenth century plow was dug
up in an eastern state the other day.
The farmers stood around it in wonder
and agreed that the world is growing
smarter if not better.

A \$5,000 orchid from Venezuela is on
exhibition in the Temple gardens in
London. It has a white flower shaped
like a sea gull with outspread wings
and a gold and vermilion heart.

Fifteen thousand population is claim-
ed for Hot Springs, Ark., because
there are so many people there leading
double lives.

An Arkansas woman will be the first
Klondike widow. Her husband is be-
ing talked to death by men who want
to go there.

It is claimed of a southern woman
that her pretty complexion is natural,
because she still wears it, though she
has long been married.

Dmorsy treated free by Dr. H. H. Green's
Sons, of Atlanta, Ga. The greatest drup-
sy specialists in the world. Read their adver-
tisement in another column of this paper.

There was a good deal of indigna-
tion among the men the other day be-
cause a woman took chloroform to
have a tooth pulled.

Some of the Klondike miners will be
coming to this country next spring to
mine for beef steak and potatoes.

To Cure Constipation Forever.
Take Cascara Candy Cathartic. 50c or 25c.
If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

Maine has no use for the croakers.
It is even shipping bullfrogs out of the
state.

Hall's Catarrh Cure
Is a constitutional cure. Price, 75c.

A Missouri girl who went to the sea-
shore actually wore her bathing suit
into the water.

Hegeman's Camphor Ice with Glycerine.
The original and only genuine. Cures Chapped Hands
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Every boy believes it is all right to
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boy believes it is right to steal chick-
ens.

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reading the advertisements; they will
afford a most interesting study and
will put you in the way of getting
some excellent bargains. Our adver-
tisements are reliable, they send what they
advertise.

How frightfully tired people become
of the same old things to eat!

The success of an educational institution is
indicated in no small degree by the numbers
who give it their patronage from year to year.
A consultation of the record books of the New
England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Mass.,
reveals a student membership of something
like 60,000 since its founding, with a present
attendance of from 1,500 to 2,000 annually. This
evidence, when taken in connection with the
careful work done at the Conservatory, is con-
vincing proof of the efficiency of the school and
makes it little wonder that its reputation is
world-wide.

A woman can love her husband be-
cause it is her duty, but no man ever
loved a woman because it was his duty.

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To MOTHERS.**
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March 8, 1897: *Samuel Pitcher, M.D.*

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